

Animal Care: COVID 19 update

Tuesday June 1, 2021

To the Dalhousie research community:

Yesterday, Dr. Strang announced that Nova Scotia will start Phase 1 of the C19 reopening plan as of June 2, 2021. Until that time all current province-wide restrictions and public health measures remain in place, please see the province web site for more information: <https://novascotia.ca/coronavirus/>.

Thank you to the research community for your positive and supportive response to the temporary cessation of new orders and new studies over the last 3 weeks.

With the reopening of the province beginning tomorrow and the return to a more normal situation I am pleased to announce that the senior administration has agreed effective immediately to a return to the previous 'Return to Research' status for all approved animal research activities.

This will include:

- new approved studies may be initiated, previously approved studies can re- commence
- approved animals may be ordered
- UCLA and ACUC will continue to review newly submitted studies
- hands on training of students and PI staff by the Animal Care Training Coordinator will recommence
- Reminder: please use the online facility and room booking options where available to ensure contacts are minimised

Again, thank you for your patience through this challenging time.

Please feel free to contact the office at any time for further advice and information (UCLA@dal.ca).

Best regards,

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